

had escorted his carriage and dashed through Orgon. When the Allied Commissioners arrived there the assembled population were uttering exclamations of "Down with the Corsican! Down with the brigand!" The mayor of Orgon (the same man whom I had seen almost on his knees to General Bonaparte on his return from Egypt) addressed himself to IVlard, the Emperor's *valet de chambre*, and said, "Do you follow that rascal?" — "No," replied IVlard, "I am attached to the Commissioners of the Allied powers." — "Ah! that is well! I should like to hang the villain with my own hands. Ah! if you knew, sir, how the scoundrel has deceived us! It was I who received him on his return from Egypt. We wished to take his horses out and draw his carriage. I should like, to avenge myself now for the honor** I rendered him at that time."

The crowd augmented, and continued to vociferate with a degree of fury which may be imagined by those*, who have heard the inhabitants of the south manifest, by cries, their joy or their hatred. Some more violent than the rest wished to force Napoleon's coachman to cry "Vive le Roturier!"** He courageously refused, though threatened with the stroke of a sabre, when, fortunately, the carriage being ready to start, he whipped the horses and set off at full gallop. The Commissioners would not break fast at Orgon; they paid for what had been prepared, and took some refreshments away with them*. The carriages did not overtake the Emperor until they came* to La Calade, where he had arrived a quarter of an hour before with Amaudru.

They found him standing by the fire in the kitchen of the inn talking with the landlady. Bin* had to ask him whether the tyrant was soon to that way? ** Alas! no, "said he, "it is all nonsense to say we have got rid of him. I always have said, and always will say, that we shall never be sure of being done with him until he be laid at the bottom of a well covered over with stones, I wish we had him safe in the well in our yard. You see, sir, the Directory sent him to Egypt to get rid of him; but he came back again! And he will come back again, you may be sure of that, sir, unless — ¹⁹ Here